

## **Producing comparative-effectiveness information**

**ISSUE:** Policymakers are looking for ways to use Medicare’s resources more efficiently. Comparative effectiveness analysis may offer Medicare opportunities to promote care that is cost efficient and of higher quality.

**KEY POINTS:** Comparative effectiveness analysis compares the relative value of drugs, devices, diagnostic and surgical procedures, medical services, and no care. In MedPAC’s June 2007 report, the Commission recommended the Congress establish an entity to produce and provide information about the comparative effectiveness of health care services. During this session, we will present different approaches to establish a public–private comparative effectiveness entity.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should address the direction of this analysis and whether additional issues should be discussed.

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